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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE STUDENT PROTESTS AGAINST US BASES IN THAILAND

EMBASSY BANGKOK REPORTS AN INCREASE IN CRITICAL PUBLICITY ON THE US PRESENCE IN NORTH AND NORTHEAST THAILAND WHICH IS REINFORCING STUDENT ACTIVISM ON THE ISSUE. THE EMBASSY SEES AN INCREASED POSSIBILITY OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST US INSTALLATIONS IN THESE REGIONS OF THAILAND. US BASES AT UDON AND KORAT ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO HARRASSMENT FROM STUDENTS AT NEARBY TEACHER TRAINING CENTERS. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SECURITY OFFICIALS MAY BE RELUCTANT TO INTERVENE FIRMLY IN THE EVENT OF AN ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION.

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